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Unsatisfactory Alaskan Boundary Award Arouses Ottawa Government to Action.

Scheme to Federate Newfoundland and to Annex Greenland.

Mr. Foster Addresses Meeting at Canadian Club on Fiscal Campaign.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—It is understood that the government has under consideration the question of bringing Newfoundland into the Canadian confederation, and also of annexing Greenland. The decision of the Alaskan boundary commission, which has given the United States permanent title to a large strip of land on the Pacific Coast, which should have been in the possession of Canada, has at last set the government thinking. As far as Greenland is concerned, the Canadian government will have to negotiate with Denmark through the Imperial authorities, with a view to purchasing the island.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Globe's Ottawa despatch says there is good reason to think that the Dominion government has under consideration the institution of negotiations having for their object the admission of Newfoundland and Greenland into the confederation. It is not known whether the subject has come before the cabinet as yet, but there is no doubt that it will be a matter of discussion before long. True, the French shore question remains unsettled, but it is pointed out that Great Britain and France are better friends at present than they have been for a long time, and this is expected to make a settlement a comparatively easy matter. As to Greenland, the Danish government would probably be willing to part with the country, as it is of no value to it, provided that suitable compensation was offered.

COUNTER SUIT ENTERED.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Mr. Hugh Sutherland, of Winnipeg, against whom A. E. Ames & Co. recently issued a writ for balance claimed on a stock transaction in the Dominion Coal, has issued a writ against Ames & Co., claiming \$9,000 for alleged wrongful conversion of stock.

LIVERY DRIVERS' STRIKE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—There was no sign of peace in the livery drivers' strike today. Ambulances have come under the ban of the striking pickets, and police may be necessary to man the conveyances of the sick. Efforts to settle the strike were made by outside influences today. The parties refused to meet each other direct, and efforts were confined to arranging a conference at second hand.

COLOMBIAN TROOPS APPEAR.

Eighty Braves Land on Island Near Panama to Cut Trails.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Official confirmation has reached Washington of the landing of Colombian troops on the island of Los Pinos, which lies close to the coast of Panama. These troops number eighty, and they have taken up a position on the high island with the intention of making paths through the jungles.

COAST LUMBER TRADE IN DANGER

Disagreement of Pacific Coast Lumbermen Threatens the Export Business

Portland, Or., Dec. 21.—As a result of a disagreement that arose at the meeting of the Pacific Coast Lumbermen held here for the purpose of re-adopting the agreement formed to maintain prices and limit the output of lumber which has been in effect for the past two years between the lumber manufacturers of California, Oregon and Washington, the export trade of the Pacific coast threatens to become seriously demoralized.

The portion of the agreement under which the contention exists is the one which pro-rates the output of each mill according to its capacity, and provides arbitrarily that any mill which exceeds this fixed output shall forfeit the proceeds of the excess. It is stated that the California millmen desire a modification of this part of the agreement, so as to permit any mill to produce more than its quota in a district where the demand exceeds the supply without suffering the penalty.

The Northwestern millmen, on the other hand, wish the old agreement to remain unchanged. As the present agreement terminates on the last day of the present month, unless some decision is arrived at by the contending factions, the mills of Oregon and Washington find themselves confronted with a change in the price of export lumber.

EQUAL BELFAST

THORPE'S PALE DRY GINGER ALE.

VETERAN SEA CAPTAIN DEAD.

Alameda, Dec. 21.—Capt. Robt. L. Merriam, one of the oldest and best known sea captains sailing from New York, is dead. He was born in Brunswick, Me., in 1830. He came here from Boston recently.

LITTLE ALFONSO'S BRIDE.

Youthful King to Wed His Cousin, the Daughter of Infanta Maria.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—According to the Spanish newspapers a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to his cousin, Maria Del Pilar, aged 13, daughter of the Infanta Maria Del Paz.

"THE TWILIGHT OF THE GODS."

Berlin Has a Most Unusual Meteorological Experience.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Berlin at midday was in twilight and the whole life of the capital is in a sort of artificial light. The meteorological office has not noticed such phenomena in a generation and attributes it to the light motionless atmosphere in which the city's smoke and vapors do not ascend, thus blanketing and darkening many square miles.

SHIPPING MONGOLIANS.

Uncle Sam Facilitates Transit of Yellow Men to British Territory.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Chinese laborers are rushing into Canada by the hundreds to evade the head tax of \$500 on every Chinaman that enters Canada by January 1st. They are now being sent to pay but \$100. The steamer Doric, which recently arrived here from the Orient, brought eighty Chinese, who were immediately shipped to Victoria. The Japanese liner Nippon Maru, just arrived, brought 149 Mongolians, all of whom are in transit to Canada.

Cloud Over Chief Crossan

Head of Nanaimo's Police Department to Give Commissioners an Explanation.

Socialist Candidate Nominated. Mayor Manson Is to Seek Re-election.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 21.—The rumors circulating since last night that Watchman Gilligan was sentenced to three years for stealing a watch, were publicly referred to by the police commissioners today, when Mayor Manson said it was alleged that the chief had not intended to arrest Gilligan when first made aware of the facts; and had it not been for certain circumstances he would not have arrested him at all. The chief assured the commissioners he never intended to do anything but bring Gilligan to justice. The commissioners, it is said, ordered a public investigation to take place after the holidays.

James Pritchard was nominated yesterday as a candidate by a convention of socialists. He is a Ladysmith man and was prominent as a strike leader last spring.

At Cumberland a Jap was probably fatally crushed by a fall of rock this morning and yesterday a Chinaman was killed by an explosion of a can of gunpowder in his shack, which he set on fire by upsetting a lamp.

The police stopped a twenty round fight between visiting pugilists at Cumberland on Saturday night.

The first anthracite coal will be shipped from the new mine tomorrow. An extensively signed requisition was presented to Mayor Manson this morning asking him to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the mayoralty. Mr. Manson said that he would have preferred to retire at this time from municipal politics with which he has been associated for a number of years, during the last three of which he has occupied the mayor's chair. So much pressure, however, had been brought to bear upon him that he had decided to acquiesce in the wish of his friends and again allow himself to be nominated for a fourth term. Mayor Manson's opponent is Ald. Planta, who also has served a long apprenticeship in civic affairs. Both gentlemen have large bodies of enthusiastic supporters and the fight promises to be one of the liveliest municipal contests in recent years.

The shareholders of the Nanaimo Telephone company have been summoned to attend the annual general meeting at Vancouver on Saturday next.

Donaldson, the Vancouver man whose leg was broken in Saturday's football game, went back with the team to Vancouver Saturday night, being taken down to the hospital in the ambulance and carried on board.

Nanaimo harbor has had a nocturnal visitor lately, a whale which has come in at night after night attracted by the immense shoals of herrings which are seeking the spawning beds. The noise of his blowing can be heard distinctly from Front street late in the evening, and sounds most weird.

STEEL WORKERS' WAGES REDUCED

A Big Cut In All the Big Manufacturing Plants Both East and West.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 21.—Notices were posted at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Works today that when the works resume, which probably will be within a few days, it will be at a reduction of 10 per cent. in wages of skilled employees. The notice was posted Thursday. Action taken by Eastern companies.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 21.—The converters and blisters of the Illinois Steel Co., employing 1,000 men, closed down today.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—President Eugene Bullington, of the Illinois Steel Company, termed the shutting down of the Joliet mills the usual closing. He gave January 15 as the date of probable resumption.

Four thousand steel mill laborers at South Chicago, employees of the Illinois Steel Company, have been notified that they will be laid off next Thursday. Thirteen hundred employees have already been discharged. The reason given the men for their dismissal is needed repairs.

Nigh to War In Far East

Japan and Russia Approaching a Point Where Swords Will Be Seized.

Russia's Reply Unsatisfactory and Unless Amended Brown Men Will Fight.

War Risk Increased and Experts Consider Situation Full of Gravity.

London, Dec. 21.—The despatch of the Associated Press from Tokyo this afternoon was the first intimation that the Japanese legation here received that Japan's reply had actually been communicated to Baron Le Rosen. The legation later communicated the details of the reply to the British Foreign Office, but it was not permitted to divulge the details. The legation advised that, in general terms, the Associated Press' despatch from Tokyo covered the situation, which a legation official characterized as being "quite grave," but one from which no decisive developments could be expected immediately.

Paris, Dec. 21.—An authoritative denial is given to the reports from Peking that the French minister there has notified China that if she allied herself with Japan pending a settlement of the Japanese-Russian controversy, France would advance in southern China.

The official view is that France and Great Britain are not likely to become involved, and that Russia and Japan will be left to settle the controversy. London, Dec. 21.—Lord Rothschild, while declining to comment on the opinion as to the outcome of the Japanese-Russian crisis, said to the Associated Press: "One of the most important factors is whether America will seize the opportunity to press her claims for open ports in Manchuria. If she does so it would certainly help to a peaceful solution. I have heard of no suggested loans, either Japanese or Russian. What they would have to do in case of war is hypothetical and which I do not wish to discuss. The present state is puzzling enough without endeavoring to prophesy."

Japanese-Russian war risks at Lloyd's today rose to 35 guineas per cent to the end of January and 45 to the end of February. Cargo insurance jumped from 20 to 25 guineas per cent. The cost of cargoes already half way to Japan found difficulty in effecting insurance even at the latter rates.

Paris, Dec. 21.—A despatch to the Havas agency from Seoul, Korea, says: "Numerous conflicts have occurred at Chenchuipo and at Masanpo between Japanese and Korean inhabitants. The Japanese telegraph operators have charge of the line from Seoul to the coast. The possibility of Japanese troops landing to preserve peace is discussed, but it would only be done with the consent of the Russian government."

Berlin, Dec. 21.—War in the Far East is regarded in official quarters here as improbable for several weeks. For the reason that Japan will continue to negotiate and Russia's policy is understood to be simply to "sit and hold on." No specific promises concerning territories in dispute and under attack in Japan will be satisfied with anything else. Russia will let nothing go. Japan must be content with that or fight. This attitude, it is believed, is approved by the Czar, who is not willing that Russia should take an aggressive line. The Czar's advisers are convinced that Great Britain will not be involved.

The financial editor of the Tageblatt says neither Russia nor Japan hope for a loan from Germany because the German office will not give its consent. Russian securities are not in favor in Berlin now. The bankers here think the greatest security of peace is the difficulty, perhaps the impossibility of either Russia or Japan obtaining money in France, Great Britain, Germany or the United States.

CASHIEL STILL AVOIDS CAPTURE

Police Excited Over Finding of Body, But Turns Out to be Another Man.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—(Special)—The police still having no definite in the Cashiel case, although they are working on various clues. This afternoon it was reported that Cashiel's body was found in a well near the west end of the city. Men from the barracks went to the site of the well, only to find that the body in the well was that of George Bacon, a young man who worked on a ranch. It took a great amount of time to raise the body, as the well is 100 feet deep. It is believed that Bacon slipped into the well while drawing water with a bucket. The coroner is investigating.

STARCH FACTORY BURNED.

Kokuk, Ia., Dec. 21.—The main buildings of Hubinger Bros. starch factory, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$250,000, with \$100,000 insurance.

PASSED THE DIVIDEND.

Labor Troubles Retard Business of U. S. Reduction & Refining Co.

New York, Dec. 21.—The directors of the U. S. Reduction & Refining Co., have passed the January dividend on the preferred stock. In a circular letter to holders of the preferred shares the statement is made that the business of the company has been seriously affected by labor troubles since February last, at which time a strike was declared in the Colorado City works of the company by the Western Federation of Miners.

SCHOONERS ASHORE.

Fierce Blizzard Off Newfoundland Coast Causes Series of Mishaps.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 21.—During a fierce blizzard the schooner Susan was driven ashore off St. John's. Her crew, after twelve hours in an open boat, made port this morning badly frost bitten.

The schooner Mary Ellen went ashore at Trepanes. The crew clung to the rocks all night and suffered terribly from exposure. The schooner Fastola went ashore at Green's Island. The crew escaped.

It is feared that the schooner Dictator has foundered with her crew of seven men.

TARIFF AND TEMPERANCE.

Hon. George E. Foster's Opinion of What Total Abstinence Means.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Speaking before a meeting of the Canada Temperance League yesterday Hon. George E. Foster stated: "Give me one generation of people who were total abstainers, and with a five per cent tariff I would undertake to show the greatest regime of prosperity that has ever come to this country."

BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

New York, Dec. 21.—The steamer Zealand from Antwerp via Queenstown, for New York, is reported to have been communicated with by wireless telegraph from Nantuxet lightship at 8:50 this morning. The Zealand is bringing the steerage passengers of the Kronland, who were transferred at Queenstown when the Kronland was compelled to put back to that port owing to her steering gear being disabled. The first-class passengers from the Kronland arrived here last week on the Teutonic.

EMPEROR'S BAD BREAK.

Makes an Allusion to Waterloo Which Annoys British Press.

London, Dec. 21.—Considerable resentment is shown in the English press over the reference to Waterloo made by Emperor William on Saturday at a banquet in Hanover in honor of the anniversary of the Hanoverian reigns, when the Emperor said, as he raised his glass: "To the health of the German legions, in memory of their incomparable deeds which, in conjunction with Blucher and the Prussians, rescued the English army from destruction at Waterloo."

The Chronicle, the Standard and other papers protest against what the Chronicle calls the Emperor's "preposterous claims."

Bought King Edward's Colt

Joseph Seagram, of Waterloo, Purchases Famous Three-Year-Old Persistence.

Massey, Harris Co's. Employees Notified of a Reduction in Wages.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Joseph Seagram, of Waterloo, has bought King Edward's three-year-old colt Persistence, for something like a thousand pounds. The colt is to go to Canada. Three brood mares will go with the son of Persimmon and Laodamia.

The men employed by the Massey-Harris Company have been notified that a reduction will be made in their wages commencing with the present week. The reduction will amount to at least ten per cent., and will effect not less than 1,000 men. President Lyman Jones calls it a readjustment, and says the foremen and highly-paid men will not be affected.

The Northern Consolidated Holding Company, with a capital of eight million dollars, just chartered by the Ontario government, has been formed in connection with the transfer of a controlling interest in the Great Northern railway of Canada and subsidiary roads to Mackenzie & Mann. It will take over the securities of the Great Northern railway and Mountfort and Garneau Colonization railway. In the new company the shareholders are Mackenzie & Mann, who have paid cash for their interest to former holders, on one side, and directors and shareholders on the other. The company, which it is believed, still retain a large interest in the company. The Great Northern railway of Canada is now operated as part of the Canada Northern system, forming a connecting link between the Canadian Atlantic and Quebec, thus affording an outlet to the seaboard for the company's western traffic.

REV. BROOKE HERFORD DEAD.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—The death in England, of Rev. Brooke Herford, D.D., a distinguished Unitarian clergyman and writer, and former pastor of Arlington Street church in this city, was announced here today.

BOILERS EXPLODE.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Seven boilers in the power-house of the St. Louis Transit Company exploded tonight, killing three employees, injuring six and wrecking the building. The cause of the explosion is not known.

RESUMED WORK.

Big Plants at Pittsburgh Reopen With Employees at Reduced Wages.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—The hoop mills resumed operations today after a shut down of several weeks. Some of the tonnage men returned to work at reduced wages. The reduction varies from 20 per cent to 30 per cent. The management expected trouble, and a high board fence had been erected. Police were stationed at the works but there was no demonstration.

SALOONKEEPER'S END.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Saloonkeeper James Viocek, who, a few days ago, choked his wife to death, was sentenced to six months in the county jail today, with a hard labor, for the murder of his wife. Physicians had reported that he was suffering from insanity. It is now believed that insanity was not fettered, but that Viocek killed his wife after being driven slowly crazy by the woman's alleged drinking spells.

U. S. BONDS.

Notice to Holders of Same Issued by Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The secretary of the U. S. Treasury gives notice that the refunding of United States three per cent bonds, loan of 1908-1918, and four per cent bonds, funded loan of 1907, now proceeding, will be closed on September 22. The refunding was discontinued after December 31. Bonds that are intended for refunding must be forwarded so as to be received at the treasury department not later than December 31st.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

Plan for Movement in the United States Ventilated at Rome.

Rome, Dec. 21.—The idea of a Catholic federation in the United States has again been ventilated, especially after the Most Rev. Sebastian Mossmer was appointed Archbishop of Milwaukee, when attempts were made to combine in a regular well received at the Vatican and by the propaganda. Opinions here are divided. The supporters of the movement think they have Cardinal Martelli, former papal delegate in the United States, on their side.

Seal Bill Is Revised

U. S. Senate Likely to Recommend Passage of the Tawney Measure.

Should Pass Killing of Seals Will Be Entirely Prohibited For a Time.

Failing Settlement It Authorizes Destruction of All Animals on Pribyloff Islands.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—It is expected that the United States Senate committee on territories, which has been investigating the Alaska seal industry, will recommend the passage of the Tawney bill, which passed the House last Congress, but failed in the Senate on account of the stalemate bill.

This measure empowered the President of the United States to conclude negotiations with the government of Great Britain for a review of the condition of affairs relating to the protection of fur-bearing animals in the Hebrides Sea country to determine what further regulations shall be ordered, if any can be devised to restore the industry, and pending the investigation and review, authorized the President to conclude a modus vivendi with Great Britain whereby the killing any or all of fur-bearing seals in the land or in the sea by the subjects of the respective governments, should be entirely prohibited, except the few hundred male seal needed by the natives of the islands for food.

In the event that effectual regulations for preserving the Alaskan seal herds could not be agreed upon, the secretary of the United States treasury was authorized to kill every fur seal off the Pribilof Islands, except 10,000 females and 10,000 males.

PUPIL ASSAULTS TEACHER.

Wound Inflicted With a Slate May Prove Fatal.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—Ernest J. Driver, a school teacher of Grimsby, is in the hospital here suffering from severe injuries to his face by a pupil named Fisher throwing a slate at him. His condition is considered serious.

WILLIAM J. AND THE CZAR.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—William J. Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicholas today. The audience, which lasted fifteen minutes, was arranged almost on the spur of the moment by United States Ambassador McCormick, who until yesterday was uncertain as to the time of Mr. Bryan's arrival. Mr. Bryan will leave for Berlin tomorrow.

KISHINEFF CRIMES.

Many Murderers Receive Light Sentences, and Others Go Free.

Kishineff, Bessarabia, Dec. 21.—Two Russians named Onetschin and Marosjick, who have been on trial charged with murder as the authors of the massacre of Jews here last year, were sentenced today to seven and five years penal servitude respectively. Twenty-two other prisoners charged with being involved in the massacres are sentenced to various terms, ranging from one to two years each. One person was sentenced to six months imprisonment and twelve were acquitted, while forty-eight actions brought against the accused were dismissed. The cost of the prosecution must be paid by the convicted persons.

UNCLE SAM GREET THE LION OF JUDAH

King Menelik With Great Ceremony Welcomes the American Mission.

Adiz Abeba, Ethiopia, Friday, Dec. 18.—By courier to Jibuti, French Somaliland, Dec. 21.—Emperor Menelik, accompanied by several thousand Ethiopian soldiers the American mission to Emperor Menelik, headed by Consul-General Skinner, of Marsoilles, entered the Abyssinian capital today. The reception of the American was most brilliant and fine. Emperor Menelik personally received Mr. Skinner, and surrounded by the principal functionaries of the capital, delivered a cordial welcome, to which Mr. Skinner replied, presenting an invitation to his majesty to visit the exposition at St. Louis.

The Americans were then conducted to the palace of Rasgeges, where they were lodged. A formal audience and conference with the Emperor to discuss the purposes of the mission will follow today.

IRISH LAND ACT.

London, Dec. 21.—John Redmond, speaking at Banninestown, County Sligo, Ireland, today, protested against the decision of the legal officers at Dublin castle, which he said prevented the proper operation of the Irish land act in congested districts, by enabling landlords to combine in a regular well grazing lands. He declared the decision was a gross violation of the government pledge, and the Irish party would demand their amendment in the coming session of parliament.

ALL EYES ON NORTH RENFREW

Fate of the Ross Administration Depending on Ontario Bye-Election.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Keen interest is being taken in the approaching North Renfrew bye-election. In the history of the province no former contest aroused a tithe of the feeling now evinced. It is generally realized that on this fight depends the fate of the Ross administration, not indeed that an opposition with there would turn the balance of power in Queen's Park, but because the government is already discredited among honest citizens, irrespective of party, and could never stand the moral shock of an overwhelming defeat in that constituency.

Beyond Pale Of Endurance

Chicago's Chief of Police Reminds Strikers Officials of Their Manhood.

Refuses to Allow Houses of Mourning to Be Molested by Picketing.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Picketing of houses of mourning is being held beyond the tolerance of a civilized community, said the chief. "Your zeal has carried you beyond the pale of endurance, and such performances as the carrying of labor troubles to the houses of mourning will not be allowed by the police. Law or no law, picketing of any kind around these houses will have to stop. I shall take my chances with the courts on the question if my conduct is questioned by any."

Chief O'Neill then issued a general order instructing officers to accompany funerals in carriages if circumstances seemed to require it, and see that the last rites of the dead be in no way interfered with. While the courts have inclined to the permitting of peaceful picketing, Chief O'Neill's order prohibits picketing of any kind around houses in mourning. He declared tonight that in his opinion, no court could be found which would fail to sustain him. On top of Chief O'Neill's order came the announcement tonight that peace plans had been launched through the efforts of the Chicago Board of Arbitration.

FATAL EXPLOSION.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21.—An explosion of gas occurred in the Nottingham mine of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth today. Eleven men were seriously burned, two of them fatally.

STEEL MILLS RESUME.
Homestead, Dec. 21.—Five of the largest mills of the Homestead Steel Works commenced operations today with a double turn of men at work.

ANOTHER RECEIVERSHIP.
Elkhart, Ind., Dec. 21.—Lewis Dineen today was appointed receiver of the National Manufacturing Company. The assets are estimated at \$165,000 and the liabilities \$175,000.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The United States secretary of state has issued a circular letter which declares that the Cuban reciprocity bill becomes operative one minute after midnight December 27.

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER.
Jealousy Leads to Murder and Suicide at Chicago.

Centerville, Ia., Dec. 21.—L. W. Horn, a farmer residing near here, shot and fatally wounded his wife at Chicago. Jealousy is supposed to be the cause. The body was found with a bullet hole through the head.

YESTERDAY'S NOMINATIONS.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—(Special).—Today's nominations for the Commons were: Dalton, J. S. Deacon, Liberal; West, Kent, H. S. Clements, Conservative. A Conservative convention for the riding of South York was held on Saturday and resulted in the unanimous choice of W. F. Maclean, M. P. St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 21.—East-Elgin Conservatives have chosen A. B. Ingram, M. P., as their candidate for the upcoming elections.

A FAMOUS CASE.
Progress of the Suit Brought Against United Mine Workers' President.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The famous case of Attorney A. D. Wales, of this city, against John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, for the riding of South York was held on Saturday and resulted in the unanimous choice of W. F. Maclean, M. P. St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 21.—East-Elgin Conservatives have chosen A. B. Ingram, M. P., as their candidate for the upcoming elections.

THE ASSAULT ON NORDAUN.
According to Testimony of By-Stander the Russian Fired in the Air.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The commissary of police, who had conducted the enquiry into the attempt on the life of Max Nordau, the well-known writer and vice-president of the Congress of Zionists at a Zionist hall here late on Saturday night, has taken the testimony of a witness, a bystander, who was wounded by one of the bullets fired by the Russian named Nordau, the man arrested on the charge of attempting the life of Nordau.

Weekli declared that Nordau fired in the air and that he, the witness, was only struck because one of the bullets ricocheted.

Nordau has abandoned his first declaration that he was chosen by a revolutionary congress at Bern, Switzerland, and made up of Nordau's political advisers. He now says he had no intention of killing anybody, but simply desired to attract attention to himself. The charge against Nordau is not attempt at murder, but carelessness in the use of firearms.

Nordau maintains that the shooting was the result of a division over the establishment of Zion.

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DREYFUS CASE TO BE REVISED

Definite Announcement That the Recommendations Will Re-open Case.

Paris, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Dreyfus commission next Wednesday, Mr. Victor Mercier, reporter of the commission and one of the directors of the ministry of justice will submit a report recommending revision of the case of Captain Dreyfus according to information given the Associated Press. It is not yet positively known whether Mr. Mercier's report will recommend the revision by the court of cassation, or by the court-martial, but there is every reason to believe that the court of cassation will now reconsider the case in the light of facts gathered by Mr. Mercier, at the same time passing upon the other documents.

While it is impossible at present to say what view will be taken by the commission, it is expected that it will adopt at least by a majority Mr. Mercier's recommendations. If the revision of the case should be favorable to Captain Dreyfus, he will be restored to the army no matter what price may be demanded, but it is not expected that he will resume active service.

Mr. Mercier's report, it is believed, not only establishes that Dreyfus is innocent of writing the bordereau, but also that the evidence against him was false. Mr. Gribelin, keeper of the war office records of his testimony before the council at Rennes.

Mr. Gribelin then swore that Dreyfus was guilty, while the modification of his testimony now indicates that the alleged treason was committed by Col. Henry, who was at the time chief of the intelligence department of the ministry of war.

MANY WAGES CUT.
Coal and Coke Operators Propose Reduction to Effect 18,000 Men.

Altoona, Dec. 21.—The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal & Coke Company announced today a wage reduction of its Helvetia operators amounting to 10 per cent., to go into effect January 1st. While the Helvetia miners are a comparatively insignificant part of the company's workings, the reduction is considered an indication of a more sweeping movement by the company which will effect the wages of 18,000 men. The reduction is a violation of the scale, and it is feared other companies in the field may follow suit, with a general result to the miners of the central field.

So are the big mining companies in the nearby counties have paid the Altoona scale without demur. Patrick Gilgan, president of the district No. 2, United Mine Workers, said today: "Our union will fight scale violations with all its strength. We have heard rumors of scale violations from time to time, but this last is most serious. If there be general trouble in the field, it will be the fault of the operators." Pittsburgh, Dec. 21.—A high official of the Jones & Laughlin Company said tonight that no signed agreement had been made between the United States Steel Corporation and the independent manufacturers as to a wage reduction, but a conference between the local concerns had been held to have the readjustment uniform. He said the reduction would amount to about ten per cent. It is estimated that the number of men affected is 20,000 employed in independent plants.

Ten Killed in A Train Wreck

Fatal Neglect of Brakesman to Flag 'Frisco Fast Express.

Thirty Two Injured Many Severely of Whom Some Will Succumb.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—In the wreck today at Godfrey, Kas., of the Meteor, St. Louis and San Francisco's fast train from the south, ten persons were killed and thirty-two injured. Of the injured five probably will die, while fourteen were severely hurt.

The dead: James Kirkpatrick, Geo. Hoyt, conductor; B. A. Dewees, engineer; Theodore Bishard, fireman; Jas. H. Wagoner, brakeman; Joseph Corbin, J. Bell, express messenger, and John Bluebacker, news agent. J. A. Bartley, a freight brakeman whose failure to flag the passenger train caused the wreck, has disappeared.

The dead are Western men. One man whose body has not been identified, was thrown sixty feet into a cornfield. Two men, one from Oklahoma, and the other from Arkansas, were fatally injured. Sixteen persons, including Henry McManis, of Lord, Ohio, were seriously hurt and fifteen others were slightly injured.

Most of the injured were badly burned and maimed. The responsibility for the wreck is laid to a brakeman of the freight crew, who failed to flag the passenger train. He has disappeared.

The engine on the freight had become "dead" and the crew was ordered to remain on the main track and to turn the switch for the passenger train when about due. The brakeman was ordered to flag the passenger train, but neglected to do so.

Most of the injured were in the chair cars, which took fire soon after the wreck occurred.

RUBBER CO'S RECEIVER.
New York, Dec. 21.—Wm. C. Baird, of South Orange, N. J., temporary receiver of the International Rubber Manufacturing Company, was made permanent receiver by Vice-chancellor Stevenson in Jersey City today. The plant will be operated until all unfinished work is completed.

Accidents on Moana.—There were some incidents with sad results on the steamer Moana on Saturday. The mate of the Canadian-Australian liner met with an accident, he falling down the hatch of the steamer into the hold and breaking a rib, and soon afterwards, as a result of the explosion of a coal oil lamp, the doctor's cabin was burned considerably, the fire being extinguished, though, before it did much damage.

Latest London Eastern News

Concentration of Transports Causes Sharp Fall in all Japanese Stocks.

Great Britain and France Redoubling Efforts for Peace.

London, Dec. 22.—The Times' Tokyo correspondent says that owing to the rumors of the assembling of military transports at Hiroshima, there has been a sharp fall in all Japanese stocks.

Despatches from Paris to the morning papers say that France and Great Britain are redoubling their efforts at St. Petersburg and Tokio respectively to prevent a rupture between Russia and Japan.

According to the Daily Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent, the government has given notice that it will require all the dry docks in the country for the use of the Japanese fleet, the vessels of which are already beginning to dock for cleaning purposes.

The correspondent says that the Russians have begun the building of a rampart around Port Arthur to include the new tower and that the old rampart is to be demolished.

The Daily Mail prints a report from Seoul to the effect that M. Pavloff, the Russian minister, has entered objections to the landing of Japanese snipers attached to the third Japanese guard.

The Daily Mail's Shanghai correspondent says that the British cruiser Sirius, which should have wintered there, has been ordered to Wei-Hai-Wei, where it is expected a naval concentration will take place.

THE FRISKY WIDOW WHO WASN'T FRISKY

Florence Roberts and Company at the Victoria Theatre in a Clyde Fitch Play.

Amelia Bingham, the Eastern star who has made such a hit in the role of "Frisky Mrs. Johnson," will need to look to her laurels, for she has a rival in the Western star, Miss Florence Roberts, who, supported by a capable company, well rounded and with each well placed, gave a pleasing presentation of the play whose dialogues scintillates with epigram and clever phrases, which has been made by Clyde Fitch from the French of Gavault and Ber.

Frisky only on the cover, inside, hidden beneath the mask that—so said the playwright—hid the men and women, a woman, her heart was not frisky, but strongly devoted to the sister she loved. This was the "Frisky Mrs. Johnson." Miss Roberts created for those who filled the Victoria theatre last night to applaud her talented acting. Frivolous was the mask she wore as she paraded among those shallow social types, who were in question to say the least, to hide the sacrifices she made to save her weaker sister. And the full bitterness of this sacrifice, the heart sob that were an undertone to the play, was brought out by the cleverness with which Miss Roberts played the role.

She is the central figure, but moving about her were the shallow types—people who were various masks to hide their true selves. Heartless in his passion for "an affair," the young Lord Bertie selfishly ruined the young wife's life, the absurd youth fresh from college who sought "an affair," so that he might have a "frisky" widow, was among the women; he returned; the relentless and over-strict husband; the count, with broken English and fractured idioms, who danced attendance on the "frisky" widow; the old fellow, who the wife who sought the company of those who followed the path of "the small but and the cold bird"; and the manly, straightforward man of the world, who had tired of globe-trotting and met his fate in the "frisky" widow.

Most of the people were well pictured for the play, and the three all too short acts, even to the most minor incident. The development of the plot may be, but the sermon in the play is cleverly drawn by such talented performers as are those who are in the train of Miss Roberts. Lucius Henderson, who has had the company to Victoria, was seen to excellent advantage in that of "Jim Morley," the man who loves the frisky widow, and his acting in that scene, where the widow completed her sacrifice on her part, was a masterpiece. The audience finds him almost an overdrawn character of a very absurd being, he ultimately almost gains their sympathy by his good-natured, if selfish, stupidity in the pursuit of those he believed he loved for the time.

Howard Scott also gave a good performance as Frank Morley, ever the relentless and unforgiving husband, a hard character, and G. G. Rodgers and William Verrier, the former as the "Little Johnnie Green—Ma! don't you remember we saw Mrs. Brown's dog, and you said, 'Come, let's hurry away from here; that old cat must be somewhere near!'" What old cat did you mean, ma?"—Boston Transcript.

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then descending the slope toward the bridge, and that being unable to clear the track was knocked over and sustained injuries from which it died. The defence contended that the rush of the dog was so sudden and swift that no human power could have intervened to stop the car in time; that the car was not going at more than the statutory rate of speed, and that all reasonable effort was exerted to avert the accident.

The complainant charged culpable negligence on the part of the motor-man, and held that due diligence was not shown in attempting to prevent the accident. The case will be continued today.

Local News.

A Needed Improvement.—The residents in the neighborhood of Moss street and Ross bay are agitating for an electric light in that neighborhood, and to that end have circulated a petition, which in due time will reach the city fathers. There are quite a number of houses in the vicinity and a light is urgently required.

Elected Officers.—Local Union No. 5, Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America, met last evening and elected the following officers: Ed. Gilligan, president; H. Rivers, vice-president; R. Ryan, recording secretary; J. Robinson, financial secretary; D. McGregor, warder; W. Bailey, conductor; trustees, W. Clark, W. Gilligan and J. Webb; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, Messrs. Rivers, Ryan and Gilligan.

Xmas Presents.—All those who are undecided in buying their Christmas presents should not fail to pay a visit to Messames Mesher & Peiser at 6512 Yates street, where they keep a selection of artistic needlework and specialties unsurpassed in the province. Both ladies are experts in their particular work, and although residents of this city for many years, Mrs. Peiser had previously an extended European experience.

For Santa Claus.—Yesterday the postmaster at Esquimalt was surprised at the receipt of a letter addressed, "Mr. Santa Claus, North Pole, New World," which had been marked by a humorous postman, "Try Esquimalt." The letter read: "Dear Santa—Please send me what you can. I want a few lines to you, as a week from tomorrow is Christmas, and I want a gun, a pencil box, and a knife and a pair of kid gloves. This is all I want, so good-bye. You don't know how much I would love it if you would give me them." And the postmaster replied.

Dumping People Here.—Some days ago a half-demented woman was brought over on the steamer Clallam from Seattle, and on her efforts to return to the United States immigration officers refused to allow her to leave Victoria on the steamer which had brought her here. The local police, though, did not care to allow Victoria to be made a dumping ground for the people refused admittance to the United States, and Chief Langley yesterday waited on the consular authorities and the United States immigration officers to see that the woman was allowed to return whence she came.

Mrs. Brown—I was down town yesterday. I didn't know but I might meet you.

Mrs. Green—I was down town, too, and I'm awfully sorry I didn't see you. Little Johnnie Green—Ma! don't you remember we saw Mrs. Brown's dog, and you said, 'Come, let's hurry away from here; that old cat must be somewhere near!'" What old cat did you mean, ma?"—Boston Transcript.

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OWING TO CHRISTMAS DAY coming on a Friday this year, we will celebrate to-day with a sort of Bargain Carnival throughout the store. We're turning things topsy-turvy in some of our departments for to-day, and are offering shoppers values and prices that are little less than SENSATIONAL. For instance, think of buying;

• \$1.25 French Kid Gloves for 50c; 35c Ribbons for 10c a yard; Ladies 10c Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 6 for 25c; or a \$6.00 Silk Waist for \$2.50; or a \$3.75 Ladies' Umbrella for \$1.90; or a \$4.50 Smoking Jacket for \$2.75; or Men's 50c Neckwear for 25c; or Ladies' \$15 Cloth Costumes for \$6.65; or Boy's \$4.00 Reefer Overcoats for \$1.95; not to say anything of THE CHRISTMAS BOYS' CLOTHING SALE PRICES, which easily discount any offered in Victoria this month.

We can't tell all the things that are ready for to-day. A visit to our store will present many others. Come and share them.

• We cannot guarantee to fill Mail or Telephone Orders at these prices, and a limit for each purchase will be placed on every line.

Ladies' Kid Gloves	
Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves, all shades, "Perrin's make," also a few dozen lined kid gloves with fur tops. Regular prices \$1.25 to \$1.40 a pair.	TODAY 50c
Hand-Made Lace Handkerchiefs	
Ladies' Real Hand-Made Lace Handkerchiefs with pure silk centres; although they are worth \$1.25 they are yours	TODAY FOR 65c
Ladies' Umbrellas	
Ladies' Gloria Covered Umbrellas, with strong steel rods, and all the latest novelties in handles, such as Pearl, Azalea, Bone and Metal. Regular value \$2.25 each.	TODAY \$1.50
Boy's Reefers	
Everybody knows now that we are giving up the boys' clothing, and such bargains as this will soon be cleared:	
Boys' Beaver Cloth Reefers, with Storm Collars. Regular values, \$3.75 and \$4.00 each.	TODAY \$1.95
Ribbons	
Hundreds of Remnants of Rich Satin and Silk Ribbons, in all colors. Regular values 10c. and 12½c.	Yard. TODAY 5c
A table full of Silk and Satin Ribbon Remnants, in wider widths. Regular values 20c. to 35c.	a yard. TODAY 10c
Chatelaines and Bags	
Ladies' Dainty Chain and Leather Chatelaines. Regular value \$1.00.	TODAY 50c
Ladies' Handsome Bead and Leather Chatelaines and Bags. Regular value \$2.50 to \$3.35.	TODAY \$1.25
Ladies Umbrellas	
Another Great Special in High Class Umbrellas for ladies; steel rod, Gloria Silk covered, and all the latest novelties in handles, sterling silver mounted, they are honestly worth \$3.50 each.	TODAY \$2.50

Sledge Hammer Cut Prices	
Initial Handkerchiefs, 30c	15c
Lace Doylies, 25c	15c
Golf Hose, \$1.60	90c
Men's Umbrellas, \$1.50	\$1.00
Ladies' Belts, 40c	25c
Ladies' Underwear, 50c	35c
Silk Waists, \$10.25	\$4.50
Waist Silks, \$1.25	50c
XMAS RIBBON SALE!	
Silk and Satin Ribbons, Regular Values 12½ to 15c	7½
Fancy Neck Ribbons, Extra Wide, Regular Value 25c a yard	15c
White wool Boas, 35c	25c
Toys, all kinds, 10c	5c
Toys, All Kinds, 15c	10c
Sleeping Dolls, 75c	40c
Fancy Neck Ruffs, \$7.50	\$3.50
Fur Caparines, \$11.50	\$5.75
Ladies' Umbrellas, \$3.75	\$1.90
Priestley's Black Suit, ing, \$2.25	\$1.65

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Our Morris Reclining Chairs are selling fast, they range from \$8.50 to \$16.00. Also Sleepy Hollows Chairs from \$5.50 to \$8.00.

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Ship en Route Here is Overdue

Alarm Felt For Olivebank Which is Reinsured at Thirty Per Cent.

Steamer Coming to Load Lumber at Chemainus—Sailing Ships Loaded.

One of the fleet of sailing vessels now en route to the Royal Roads is causing anxiety to her owners by reason of her long trip and has, as a result, been placed on the overdue list and reinsured at thirty per cent. As a result of the reports made by vessels which have arrived of late of heavy weather in the North Pacific—all steamers arriving recently have been delayed by heavy weather—the Olivebank has been placed on the overdue market and reinsurance quoted on her at 30 per cent. upon instructions from Lloyd's in London. The ship is now on her way from Shanghai for the Royal Roads. The rather high rate on the Olivebank is based upon the statements made by the commanders of the steamer Kiojan Maru and the German ship Alsterne, to the effect that typhoons and generally rough weather were experienced by them in October on the way across the Pacific. The latter, leaving China on October 6th, was on her way to the Royal Roads. The Olivebank left Shanghai 12 days later and probably ran into the same weather.

Speculation on the Olivebank was active based on the fact that she would safely reach her destination. Speculation is quiet on the French bark La Broque and Paris, both long overdue at Port Angeles and San Francisco, because the opinion is general that the vessels may have been forced to turn back from Cape Horn and proceed by the Good Hope passage. Until sufficient time has elapsed for them to arrive by that route the rates will probably show little advance. This will be within a few days.

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Pacific Mail and its Allies Cut Rates to the Orient.

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LOSS ON BRITISH VESSELS.
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The competition of French sailing ships is being felt more and more by British sailing ship owners, says a writer in Fairplay. The accounts of one British sailor have just been made up, and they disclose a loss of £1,000 on the past 15 months' working, and that under the most favorable conditions. She is fitted with water-ballast, and secured the best freights obtainable during the past 18 months, receiving prompt despatch and was not being up, this is the first year the vessel has suffered a loss, after running ten or eleven years. Another vessel, not fitted with water ballast on a similar round lasting from 16 to 18 months will leave a loss of £2,000 to £3,000. It is consoling, however, to know that some British charterers in the long trades are discriminating in favor of British sailing ships, by taking them up at from 25 to 30 per ton more freight than they give to French ships, because the former are, generally speaking, better built than the latter, run with fewer casualties, and their crews are more experienced. It is not, however, now unwritten at somewhat lower rates of premium.

MARINE NOTES.

Tenders for the repairs necessary to the cruiser Flora have been submitted to the Admiralty.

Steamer Majestic, which is on the Quartermaster dock being remodelled, will be completed this week.

The coffee dam built for the steamer Moana, has been launched and is being fitted to the stern of the steamer, which was towed in alongside the Esquimaux Marine ways on Sunday. The repairs to the Moana will occupy about 25 days. The vessel's sailing date has been announced for January 10th. The steamer Miowera of the same line, is due tomorrow from Australia via Honolulu.

Urges that the Flats Be Filled

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SPORTING NEWS.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

On Wednesday morning a football match will take place at Beacon hill between the North Ward and St. Louis college eleven. The latter eleven will line up as follows:

Goal, P. O'Rourke; full backs, J. Robbins (capt.), and P. Brown; half backs, E. Hickey, H. Silver and T. O'Rourke; forwards, Wm. McArthur, P. Baylis, J. McArthur, P. Sweeney and J. Locke; subs, R. Colbert, M. Keappock and Ed. Flannigan.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Inter-school Match.

The Junior Rugby match between South Park and North Ward at the Caledonian grounds on Saturday morning resulted in a score of 9 to 6 in favor of South Park. The winning team was organized at the beginning of the season and kicked into shape by Messrs. Moresby and Rithet of the J. R. A. A. The first season's record of South Park Rugby is satisfactory. They have played four matches, two with the North Ward and two with the Collegiate second fifteen. Out of these four games, South Park won three and drew one. Rugby is not destined to die out among these boys' camp lies south of the retaining wall.

THE RING.

Sharkey and Munroe Matched.

New York, Dec. 21.—Jack Munroe and Tom Sharkey were matched this afternoon to meet in a limited bout some time before March 1st before the club offering the best inducements.

Buy a nice piece of furniture, a rug or carpet or something useful, which will be a lasting pleasure to the receiver. We have just the right kind of goods to please every taste or pocket-book.

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Xmas Gifts

Ladies and Children's Furs from 75c. Ladies Stock and Fancy Collars from 50c. Large range of Fancy Handkerchiefs from 5c to \$1.00 each.

Fancy Work Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Glove Boxes and Handkerchief Boxes.

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Turkeys, Plump, Tender and Fat, per lb. 20c.
Cape Cod Cranberries, 3 lbs. for 50c.
Italian Chestnuts, per lb. 25c.
Plum Puddings—Christie, Gordon & Dillworth's Franco-American, Crosse & Blackwell's 35c.
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Sugar Shells, plain, 75c. each.
Sugar Shells, gilt bowl, \$1 each.
Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon, \$1.75 set.
Gravy Ladles, \$1.50 each.
Soup Ladles, \$4 each.
Butter Knife and Sugar Shells, \$1.75 pair.
Toast Racks, 75c. to \$5 each.
Sugars and Creams from \$5 pair.
Marmalade from \$3.50 each.
Butter Dishes from \$2.50 each.
Tea Sets, 4 and 5 pieces, in Queen Anne, satin finish, and other designs, from \$15 set.
Tea Pots, many shapes, from \$8 each.
Coffee Pots, latest shapes, from \$10 each.
Coffee Sets, 3 pieces, from \$10 each.
Nut Bowls, gilt lined, \$5.50 each.
Spoon Holders from \$1.25 each.
Sugar Bowls from \$4.50 each.
Cream Jugs from \$5 each.
Pickle Casters from \$1.50 each.
Nut Crackers from 75c. each.
Knife Rests from \$1.50 pair.
Napkin Rings from 25c. each.
Sugar Tongs from \$1.25 each.
Tea Strainers from \$1.25 each.
Call Bells from 75c. to \$4.
Butter Knives from 25c. each.
Dessert Sets from \$10.
Fish Sets from \$10.
Coffee Spoons from \$1 dozen.
Fruit Knives from \$4.50 doz.
Soup Spoons "Avon," from \$9.50 doz.
Berry Spoons from \$2 each.
Pie Knives from \$2.50 each.
Meat Forks, "Avon," \$1.50 each.
Jelly Knives, "Avon," \$1.50 each.
Lunch Sets from \$3 each.
Salts and Peppers from 80c. each.
Breakfast Cruets from \$2 each.
Baking Dishes from \$5 each.
Bon Bon Dishes, \$4 each.
Berry Dishes, \$5 each.
Cake Baskets from \$4 each.
Shaving Cups, \$4 each.
Children's Mugs from \$1.25 each.
Fern Pots, with lining, \$4.50 each.
Card Receivers from \$2.50 each.
All of the above goods are thoroughly reliable—best Quadruple Plate by the leading makers.

We have also just received a new lot of English Oak Ware, silver mounted, including Butter Dishes, Biscuit, Biscuit Barrels, Smokers' Cabinets, Gongs, Spirit Frames, etc., at Popular Prices.

Cut Glass

It's surprising how many different qualities of Cut Glass there are. It requires the greatest skill to do the best effects and that deep-cutting peculiar to the highest grades. We stock only "Libbey's" in the latest patterns:

Bowl, Dish and Plates from \$3.50 each.
Bowls, Berry or Salad, from \$7.50 each.
Cream Jugs from \$7.50 each.
Celery Dishes from \$10 each.
Claret Jugs from \$12 each.
Cologne Bottles from \$5 each.
Decanters from \$12 each.
Flower Vases, from \$4 each.
Olive Dishes from \$4 each.
Oil Bottles from \$5 each.
Preserve Dishes from \$8 each.
Rose Bowls from \$10 each.
Sugars and Creams from \$10 each.

English China Tea Sets.

40 pieces, dainty designs, pretty colorings, \$6.00 set.

AYNSLEY CHINA TEA SETS.

40 pieces, in the latest enameled and gilt decorations, from \$10.00 set.

DINNER SETS.

50 pieces, good shapes, printed in green and siena brown, \$8.00 set.

DECORATED DINNER SETS.

97 pieces, in the latest designs, from \$11.00 set.

Dainty China Dinner Sets, delicate colorings, pretty floral patterns, 102 pieces, from \$25.00 set.

Cheese Stands from \$1.50 each.
Marmalade Jars from 75c. each.
Biscuit Jars, from \$1.25 each.
Teapots, new styles, from 50c. each.
Teapot Stands from 25c. each.
Toast Racks from 35c. each.
Fruit Dishes from \$1.50 each.
Berry Sets from \$1.50 each.
Muffin Dishes from \$1.00 each.
Hot Water Jugs from 50c. each.
Butter Dishes from 75c. each.
Sugar and Cream from 50c. pair.
Nut Dishes from \$1.00 each.
Celery Trays from 75c. each.
Tall Trays from 75c. each.
Salad Bowls from 50c. each.
Fruit Sauces from \$1.00 dozen.
Bread and Butter Plates, \$1.50 doz.
Cups and Saucers from 25c. each.
Cap, Saucer and Plate from 25c.
Moustache Cups and Saucers, 25c.
Dainty Mustard Pots from 25c. each.
Salt and Pepper Shakers from 25c. each.
Spoon Holders from 50c. each.
Oatmeal Dishes from 25c. each.
Teapot, Sugars and Creams from \$12.50 set.

Chocolate Pots from 75c. each.
Olive Dishes from 50c. each.
Caretters from \$1.50 each.
One of the many new patterns in the above items is

LORRAINE CHINA.

This design is exceedingly effective, yet low priced. Another popular make of ware just received is

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BAVARIAN CHINA.
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In this choice collection are many pieces within the reach of every body, and where is the person who does not admire fine china? Think this over—come and see them anyway.

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Lots of helpful suggestions here. Just the things that a particular man is sure to want.

Neckwear, 25c. and 50c.
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BOARD OF TRADE AND THE ASSESSMENT ACT.

We are greatly surprised by the official communication from the Victoria Board of Trade, signed by the secretary under special direction of the board, which appeared in our issue of the 20th instant.

It affords yet another instance of hasty and ill-considered criticism of the public acts of the Province, and it displays gross ignorance of acts which have been in force for years.

Our leading article of the 17th instant was absolutely correct. In it we quoted from the statutes of the Province and proved that all personal property was liable to taxation; subject to certain exemptions specified in the acts. We proved that personal estate included book debts due to the taxpayer and that the merchant referred to in the first illustration in the board's schedule should have been assessed upon the value of his stock in trade as well as upon the value of his book debts, which, together, amounted to \$300,000, less the exemption, of \$75,000, to which he was entitled upon his stock in trade, provided that such sum of \$75,000 was due to the original vendor of the goods; but if the \$75,000 were not so due, and the merchant had borrowed that sum from anyone else in order to pay off the original vendor, he should NOT have been allowed to deduct this. Hence, in this event, he should have been assessed for \$225,000, upon which the tax would have been \$1,875 instead of \$375, as incorrectly stated in the board's illustration. If the merchant was really entitled to the deduction of the \$75,000, then his assessable personal property was \$225,000, upon which the tax would be \$1,125, and not \$375.00.

The secretary of the Board of Trade quotes incorrectly the law as to exemption of debts, for, he says, "the exemption provides that any just debt incurred in the accumulation of this personal property can be deducted." The law does NOT say so; the words of the act are plain and distinct. Sub-section 19 of section 4, chapter 53, of the 1901 statutes is as follows: "So much of the personal property of any person as is equal to the just debts owing by him for and on account of the purchase price of said personal property to the vendor of said personal property, his executors, administrators or assigns." All personal property should have been taxed with this exemption, and this exemption is limited to the debt due to the vendor of the property, and NOT, as the secretary puts it, to "any just debt." His letter further states that the board "claims that, under the old act, it was, therefore, the intention that a merchant should be taxed upon his net worth, which in this case would be, as we have stated, \$75,000, and his taxes accordingly would be \$375." If by "net worth" the secretary means the assessable personal property of the merchant under the acts, then his conclusions are wrong; because the net assessable personal property of the merchant was \$225,000, not \$75,000, always provided that he was entitled to the exemption quoted from the 1901 act, and if not entitled to that exemption, then the assessable personal property was \$375,000.

Both the schedule of the board and the secretary's letter, try to arrive at the "net worth" or "net capital" of the merchant as \$75,000, but any competent bookkeeper would be ashamed to make such an erroneous statement, from the proposition laid down in the illustration given by the board. The merchant quoted by way of example apparently began business with a capital of \$75,000; he has now on hand stock to the value of \$150,000, and his other assets are the book debts due to him of \$150,000, together these sums represent his assets. His only liability is \$75,000, due upon the goods, leaving a surplus of \$225,000. This surplus is surely his "net worth" or his "net capital," and it would be the sum which he could put in his pocket and retire with, if he sold out at full value to some one else.

The use of the phrase, "a merchant with a capital of \$75,000," is misleading and unnecessary, for the purpose of arriving at his present net worth or net capital, and how it can be claimed by anyone conversant with business affairs that the merchant's net worth, in the illustration given by the board, is only \$75,000, is really incomprehensible.

We have referred before to the absurdity of any person attempting to carry on business with a stock in hand of \$150,000 and book debts of \$150,000, and being due \$75,000 on the stock. He could not even pay out twenty-cent for a telegram even, until he had either sold goods or collected a debt, a position in which no business man would like to be placed.

The Assessment Acts of the Province have always included book debts as part of the personal property, but the act of 1903, passed on the 4th of May last, enlarged the interpretation of "personal estate," and this has been repeated in the act passed on the 12th instant. There has been no change in the law, as to what constitutes personal property, the only changes in the new act are, that the merchant is not allowed to deduct any debt due upon it, and that the rate of taxation has been increased from one-half of one per cent.

the former law rate, to one per cent., less a discount if paid on or before the 30th June, of 10 per cent.

The new act adopts the principle of making a merchant, and an owner of real estate, liable to assessment upon the amounts equally invested, and the rate of taxation alike. If it was right before to allow owners of personal property to deduct debts, then it should have been, in justice, allowed to owners of real property also to deduct debts. Now the positions of each class of owner are equalized, so that equal investments in land or personal property pay the same rate of taxation.

The rule to guide assessors in valuing either personal property or real estate given in the act, is that it must be the cash value, "as it would be taken in payment of a just debt from a solvent debtor, and if in any case the stock in trade, or book debts, are not worth the inventory value on their books, it is only the cash value that ought to be assessed."

The increase in the rate of taxation on personal property is, of course, greater relatively to that on real estate, for the simple reason that formerly the rate on personal property was proportionately lower than on real property—the low rate in the one case being one-half of one per cent., and in the other three-fifths of one per cent.

There has been no greater burden imposed by the new act upon merchants than has been imposed upon owners of real estate.

There is also no truth in the cry raised that goods will be sent direct from Eastern points to compete unfairly with stocks carried here, because all personal property found here is taxable, including that of non-residents, and wherever personal property is found, the person in possession is deemed the owner for taxation purposes. The goods from the East would, therefore, be subject to the same tax. Goods in transit from or to a foreign state are, of course, not taxable.

The facts of the case being as above stated, the Board of Trade calculations being, on the other hand, most erroneous, we have no doubt that in due season "the truth will prevail," whilst it will also be found that the recent changes of taxation will have no such formidable effects as those predicted by hasty critics of such changes.

SATISFACTORILY ARRANGED.

The Government has forwarded to London the sum necessary to meet the pressing obligation of the Province—\$300,000. Satisfactory arrangements are also being made as to the balance of the \$1,000,000 loan, and it will not be necessary to place any of the debentures under the Loan Bill on the market.

P. G.—You are wrong. Though statistics vary somewhat, the area of Canada may be given approximately at 3,456,383 square miles, that of the United States, including Alaska, at 3,507,640 square miles. Alaska's area is estimated at 531,000 square miles.

"Will we be in extremities again next year?" asks our Opposition contemporary. Certainly not, with a Conservative government of practical men, carefully administering a larger Provincial revenue in a period which will assuredly be one of very considerable development for British Columbia.

Unless the powers of law and order be much more vigorously and successfully asserted in Chicago in the immediate future, nothing is more certain than that great city will lose vastly in business and general importance. As things are, one violent strike follows another in rapid succession in Chicago, and one local industry after another is there, for the time being, paralyzed, whilst peaceful citizens are continually imperilled by the rioting of mobs of tigerish men, who respect neither the dead nor the living, as recent events have shown. A huge host of undesirables is ready for anything, unless restrained by the strong arm, and it would evidently not stop short at social revolution, did a seemingly suitable opportunity present itself for such a rising.

The Vancouver school board is finding some difficulty in procuring additional male teachers of good capacity, it being desired, for the sake of discipline and other reasons, to increase the proportion of men on the staffs of the various schools. The difficulty arises from the fact that the average salary of a male teacher in that city—which is not, however, alone in this respect, is less than the salary which can often be got by a competent male teacher holding one of the more advanced positions on the teaching staff of one or other of the smaller cities up country. Hence there is a tendency on the part of the more skilled of the under teachers in Vancouver schools to migrate to smaller towns, where opportunities are fewer, and of necessity, for various local reasons, rather more highly paid.

An Ottawa despatch states that tentative negotiations are progressing with Newfoundland as regards the entrance of that island into our Dominion federation, a consummation so much to be desired as to justify the offer of unusually liberal terms of union. It is also stated that the Imperial Government will be urged to secure, if possible, the purchase of Greenland from Denmark in order to prevent that territory from passing into the hands of any other foreign power and becoming in consequence utilizable to the detriment of British North America. Very likely Denmark will not now sell Greenland, but the British and the Danish courts are on such friendly terms that it might nevertheless be possible for Great Britain to enter into a treaty arrangement with Denmark, granting to our Empire the first right to purchase that Arctic territory in the event of any future resolve of the Danes to dispose of the region. Such an agreement would be analogous to that made between Great Britain and Portugal in respect of Delagoa Bay, South Africa.

An interesting discussion on Canadian affairs took place at the London Chamber of Commerce on the 14th inst. Lord Brassey, who avowed himself a follower of the Duke of Devonshire, and disclaimed an acceptance of Mr. Chamberlain's programme, held that financial discussions between the mother country and the colonies in regard to Imperial defence, should be, as far as possible, avoided. Colonial governments should, however, feel it to be their duty to

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strengthen their home defensive forces, as by so doing they would indirectly strengthen the general defensive position of the Empire. As regards Canada in particular, he held that the Dominion should furnish men for a naval reserve, the Imperial Government providing drill ships and paying the men sufficient retainers in respect of their work and liability to serve. Lord Brassey also strongly urged that the Imperial funds should aid liberally the establishment of a fast ocean service to Canada, with crews of naval reserve men. Later in the evening Mr. Henry Bell Irving, of Vancouver, strongly advocated Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy, and warned those present that unless Great Britain forestalled American action by adopting such a preference, there would be no little danger of an agitation in Canada for closer commercial union with the States, which would assuredly weaken the Imperial connection.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE FIFTH REGIMENT.

Sir,—You may well feel incredulous at your remarks this morning suggest, about the attitude of employers to members of the above. It is hard to believe in the present day, and therefore, I feel I should substantiate my remarks by something better than a fairy tale, but first let me say that though there are practically no employers who go out of their way to encourage volunteering, the majority treat it with a sort of amused indifference without deterring them, but one of two such instances as I am about to relate will deter quite a number from ever going and being quoted as the basis of excuses for non-attendance by many others already sworn in.

Yet with the exception of possibly three days out of the 365 the men are never expected to allow recruiting officers to interfere for five minutes with ordinary business hours, and of these only one, the annual mobilization of all the forces in the neighborhood is supposed to occupy the whole day. The annual infantry inspection is invariably held on a Saturday afternoon, and the annual firing practice occupies a portion of the morning, the latter being the only time in the year when a magnanimous government permit each gun team to fire five or six real shots from the big guns at a moving target, just as in warfare. This is naturally a most essential climax of the drill season, and that no man should miss it, but in order to avoid getting the men into trouble as much as possible, an endeavor is always made to get it over in the early morning, when most of the men are away doing their daily work, for which purpose revellie is sounded about 4 a. m. Yet even with these precautions there is so much routine to be gone through to the satisfaction of the R. G. A. recruiting officer that it is usually 10 or 11 o'clock before any of the men can get to town. This apparently was too much for at least two employers last year, and one of the smartest in the regiment was driven to the consequence with a few days' notice. Whether he is in town or not I don't know, but he is lost to the regiment. In the other case an equally smart young member was severely "shouted over," but fortunately for him, nothing worse, though unfortunately the regiment knows him no more. But what puzzles some people is not only why some employers throw difficulties in the way, but why all do not encourage their employees to join, and so build up a generation of well set-up athletes, who know what discipline and respect for their seniors means, and would like to say something about the corps, but have taken too much space already. However, they seem to have done this, like many other things, better in Vancouver.

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Proceedings in
The Will Case

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper K. C.
Objects to New Issue Being
Introduced.

Three Witnesses For Defendant
Examined at Yesterday's
Sitting.

Yesterday's proceedings in the Supreme court on the will of Alexander Dunsmuir, were opened by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., who explained that he had agreed with the opposing counsel regarding the amended statement of claim. A very important point had been introduced, which he first made application to become a party to the suit, opposing counsel had simply answered his case with straight denial. Now the matter of the previous will of 1878 was asked to be introduced. Sir Charles said it would be necessary to call new witnesses, and particularly witnesses with respect to California law.

His lordship struck out the defendant's statement referring to the previous will.

E. P. Davis, K. C., again addressed his lordship, and claimed that Sir Charles' application was for permission to put in evidence to rebut the plea, Sir Charles denied this.

His lordship stated that Sir Charles should give regular written motion to the court.

It was decided to adjourn from tomorrow afternoon until the following Tuesday morning at 10:30.

Edward C. Prather, of Oakland, county surveyor of Alameda county, California, was called by E. P. Davis, K. C., and testified that he had met Alexander Dunsmuir in April, 1879. Witness was then deputy surveyor, and was sent by the then county surveyor, Alexander Dunsmuir, to San Leandro.

Witness went to San Leandro thirteen or fourteen times in all, and saw Mr. Dunsmuir six or eight times.

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about a week witness did not see him. Some weeks Alexander Dunsmuir went to San Leandro every day except Saturday. Alexander Dunsmuir did not drive the carriage, but always drove the buggy himself. Witness never saw Mr. Dunsmuir in his walks with anyone. Never saw anyone have to amuse Mr. Dunsmuir as described by Mr. Howe. Never saw Mr. Dunsmuir carry around a pillow. Considered Mr. Dunsmuir a good driver; his hands were steady. Mr. Dunsmuir's memory was all right as far as witness knew him. Saw Alexander Dunsmuir last the day before he went East; he was a much stronger man in December than he was in the previous April. Alexander Dunsmuir was ill when he first came on the place in April. Witness got the doctor. Remembered meeting Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir in Oakland with Alexander Dunsmuir in September. The party stayed at the depot all night, between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. waiting for the arrival of the train.

Cross-examined by L. P. Duff, K. C. Since Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir's death, witness had looked after the San Leandro property under the direction of Mr. Lovell, in Wilson & Wilson's office. Witness disposes of produce and accounts to Mr. Lovell weekly regarding the proceeds. In 1902 the proceeds of the estate were between \$6,000 and \$7,000. The present year the proceeds will be over \$7,000. Witness identified on plan already placed in evidence, the approximate positions of the buildings on the property.

The court at this stage adjourned for lunch.

After lunch the cross-examination was continued on the plan of the property. Did not remember having any conversation when Judge Coyne, Mrs. Hopper and Mr. Elkins were all there.

Did remember having a conversation with Mrs. Hopper and Mr. Elkins in 1903. Mr. Duff pressed the point and asked witness if he had said at any time to anybody that he had seen Mr. Dunsmuir again when he left in December, 1899. Witness answered in the affirmative. Witness remembered Mrs. Hopper and Judge Coyne being at San Leandro in the summer of 1902. Witness denied having met Alexander Dunsmuir at that time.

Did not remember seeing Alexander Dunsmuir at San Leandro in June this year, denied having given them to understand that he (witness) was not coming to Victoria to give evidence. Had not made up his mind at that time whether he would come or not.

Witness remembered Dr. Thorpe being at San Leandro in 1902 when Mrs. Hopper and Judge Coyne were there. Dr. Thorpe stayed there all night. Remembered Judge Coyne and Mrs. Hopper being at San Leandro in December, 1901. Did not remember discussing Mr. Alexander Dunsmuir with Mrs. Hopper on that visit. In June, 1902, did not know that Mrs. Hopper and Judge Coyne discussed the whole matter of the evidence in this case. Did not know that Mrs. Hopper trusted witness absolutely. Did not discuss the matter of Wilson & Wilson with Judge Coyne.

Discussed this case with Mr. Thorpe a year ago at his office. Gaye had a statement signed by Judge Coyne in June, 1903, that he had given Mr. Thorpe a statement.

Witness did not send Louise Rodger, one of the caretakers, to Mr. Thorpe to make a statement. Witness denied her a message from Mr. Thorpe. Knew Louise Bailey at San Leandro in 1899. Saw her a few days before witness came up to Victoria. Called there before that about six months previously.

Re-directly examined by Mr. Lutton. Witness never promised Judge Coyne to come to Victoria. Judge Coyne never promised witness any position to give evidence on plaintiff's side. The remark witness made regarding not seeing Mr. Dunsmuir again when he went away in 1899 was merely a premonition.

E. P. Davis, K. C., called James Peter Taylor, of Oakland, coal dealer. First became acquainted with Alexander Dunsmuir in 1877 and last saw him December 21, 1899. Saw Alexander Dunsmuir very frequently at various times on business and sometimes socially. Called on him at San Leandro. When witness saw him on business it was with reference to supplies of Wellington coal.

In 1899 witness saw Alexander Dunsmuir about twice a week on the average. Remembered he went to San Leandro during April; previously saw him at the Grand hotel. When witness called on him there he was sometimes sick in bed and sometimes was walking about the room. Witness recollected calling on Alexander Dunsmuir at the Grand hotel, and on being admitted found him up and held conversation. Remembered another occasion, when Mr. Boyd, the firm's attorney was also present.

Witness gave details of several visits and topics of conversation with Alexander Dunsmuir at San Leandro; he stated several times over night. Went over the house several times with Alexander Dunsmuir; held conversation regarding the billiard room and table. Had conversation with Alexander Dunsmuir respecting getting marriage license.

Witness was present at the wedding. Mr. Dunsmuir in all these conversations was clear and lucid, and witness could not see any difference in him in the last ten years. Walked slowly, but he did not drag his feet. As a matter of fact witness and Mrs. Dunsmuir walked up a plank down construction of the house. Mr. Dunsmuir walked slowly, but had no assistance. Witness found Alexander Dunsmuir's memory good. Returned from northern trip in October. Alexander Dunsmuir asking many questions regarding different points visited in British Columbia.

Coming back to the wedding witness detailed the proceedings, the recital being similar in every respect to the evidence of the Rev. Mr. Shaw. Witness had a drink of whiskey with Alexander Dunsmuir at the ceremony which was poured out by witness for both Alexander Dunsmuir and himself. Alexander Dunsmuir was perfectly sober. In 1899 bought the barque "Oriola" from Alexander Dunsmuir. On several occasions witness had conversed with Alexander Dunsmuir, who told witness that great wealth brought great responsibility, and that it would not do him as much good as it would James' children. Both Alexander Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace requested witness to keep the marriage quiet. Witness was one of the witnesses to the will drawn up the evening after the wedding. To witness there was no difference from the Alexander Dunsmuir of ten years before. Witness identified his signature on the will produced. In the opinion of witness and from his dealings with Alexander Dunsmuir, found him a man of very strong will.

Court then adjourned till 11 o'clock today.

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Horticultural
Society Meets

The Election of Officers For
Year Took Place Last
Evening.

Interesting Annual Report Submitted By Board of
Directors.

The second annual meeting of the Victoria Horticultural Society was held last evening at the City Hall, when the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Hon. President, His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Lieutenant-Governor; President, Mr. E. B. Pennington; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. Frank Barnard, Mrs. E. Crow-Baker, Mrs. R. W. Pearce, Major Dupont, Mr. E. E. Billingshurst, Mr. H. Fernley, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. E. Billingshurst; Secretary, Mr. J. A. Band. Board of Directors—Messrs. P. T. James, L. Russell, B. G. Gage, G. Millett, W. F. Burton, J. Sherbourne, Mrs. Siddall, Mrs. Wolfenden, Mrs. Robbeck and Mrs. Tennant.

The report of the Board of Directors for the closing year is as follows:

The officers and directors of the Victoria Horticultural Society in presenting their first report since the incorporation, desire to refer to the inception of the society during the year 1902, and the results of the first show held in the Douglas Gardens on Friday and Saturday, August 8th and 9th of that year, in order that a correct estimate may be made as to the result of the show held in the grounds of the Jubilee hospital on Friday and Saturday, August 21st and 22nd of this year.

In 1902 the first day of the show 1,519 persons entered the gates and the money taken amounted to \$183.90. On the second day 1,028 entered and the receipts were \$163.80, making a total of 2,547 visitors and the sum of \$347.70 as receipts. The show was a good one so far as exhibits were concerned, and the unexpected success was doubtless owing to the close proximity of the Douglas Gardens to the city.

In making the selection of the location of the show for the present year (owing to the Douglas Gardens being partially closed for the exhibition of the hospital grounds, in conjunction with their annual garden fête, and it was anticipated that the joint endeavors of the societies would prove a more successful one than if held separately, however, the results did not fulfill the anticipations. Owing to counter attractions on both days, and possibly also the distance from the city, the attendance was meagre and to the surprise disappointment of the officers and directors of this society the result was in a pecuniary sense a severe loss to the funds. The number of entries were somewhat in advance of last year, but these were doubtless influenced by the distance from the city and the necessary cost of expressage. The directors are not, however, discouraged, and hopefully look forward to a larger number of entries this year, and it is needless to say, will take care that the location shall be considerably closer to the city than the grounds of the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Owing to the distance from the city, the directors decided to order a large number of tents to be made by Mr. Von Hagen. This was most useful for the larger exhibits, and of course, runs as an asset to the society, together with staging necessary for an ordinary exhibition. The directors hope that in time they may have several of these tents so that they may be having independent of outside help in that way.

The directors desirous of encouraging the love and culture of flowers amongst children, offered a silver medal as first prize and a bronze medal second prize for the best bouquet of flowers grown and arranged by a boy or girl attending school in Victoria. Although only three schools were represented an encouraging number of entries were made and the directors fully anticipate that a keen competition will take place this year. It is contemplated to distribute flower seeds free to the various schools if the funds will permit.

Another point of interest which the directors would like to foster if the funds permitted, is the management and culture of bees. Under the society's auspices and at their expense, Mr. Robinson of Victoria, was present on both days of the show, with an excellent collection of bee supplies, together with an observatory hive of live bees, and he explained the modern system of bee-keeping to many interested listeners. The directors are convinced that an intelligent cultivation of the modern system of bee-keeping would prove a most valuable factor in the interests of the province. If only proper endeavors were made to make the comparatively simple rules were widely known, and it is to this point that the directors purpose to direct attention at our exhibition this year.

The society number 41 members, subscribing \$2 per annum and upwards, and the total number of exhibitors at last show, including children, was 72.

Two most interesting papers were read at the society during the year, one by Mr. Gage, on the culture of the chrysanthemum and one by Mr. Wilkerson, on the culture of the dahlia, whilst Mr. James, at another meeting verbally imparted some valuable information relative to the culture of the begonia. Such meetings are most instructive and the society is fortunate in having this resource, which should have a potent influence in widening the information of amateurs generally in the culture of flowers, which excite so much attention and admiration from the visitors to Victoria.

E. B. PENNINGTON, President.

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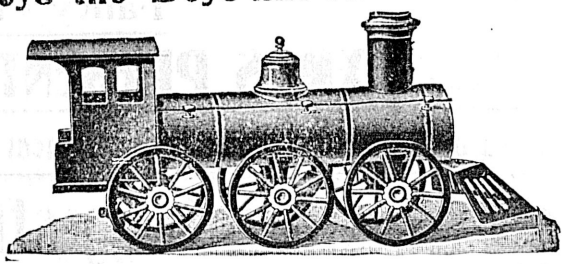
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Dec. 21.—Whatever influences were in operation today's stock market issue in an almost immovable market, the whole interest centered in a handful of stocks. Dullness is reasonable at this time when the year and money problems are working themselves out. A substantial factor in today's market was the gathering of the war cloud in the Far East, which took on so large an aspect today that led to a general conviction in Wall Street that an early outbreak of hostilities could be avoided. The conviction seemed to be without marked depressing effect, but was rather hard to discourage operations on the other side of the market. Of any harmful results in event of war, there is no apprehension, but the point of trouble is as to how far the placing of war loans in Europe might dislocate the foreign money markets and upset the expected demand for our merchandise proceeds and for our rail securities. That considerable issues of new railroad securities are imminent is the general feeling in Wall Street, and accounts for the lack of response in today's market.

Many brokers assert that money on call was more freely offered this morning than at any other corresponding period for many years past. All departments of the money market were affected, sixty and ninety loans, and even thirty day loans, being affected at below six per cent. Mercantile paper for prime grades also was offered at 5 1/2 per cent, thus breaking the six per cent rate which had been determined for some time past.

The Atchison bond issue played a part in the sharp upward movement of the railway equipment stocks, owing to the intimation conveyed in the official announcement of the sale of the Atchison bonds that a part of the proceeds would be used for the purchase of locomotives and new equipment. The depression of United States Steel preferred was accompanied by further discussion of the dividend prospects. There was some accumulation of the Coalters attributed to better conditions.

The closing was dull and heavy. The bond market was dull and generally steady, but some of the active issues were heavy. Total sales, par value, \$1,800,000.

New York, Dec. 21.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	41 1/2
American Locomotive	18 1/2
American Locomotive pfd	78 3/4
American Sugar Refining Co.	123 1/2
American Smelting & Refining Co.	129 1/2
American Car & Foundry	19 1/2
American Mining Co.	10 1/2
Canadian Pacific	118 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	32 1/2
Chicago & North Western	34 1/2
Illinois & Milwaukee & St. Paul	142 1/2
Colorado Southern	14 1/2
Consolidated Gas, New York	190
Corporation Fuel & Iron	24 1/2
Corporation Products	17 1/2
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	26 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	103 1/2
Delaware & Hudson pfd	39
Louisville & Nashville	114 1/2
Manitoba Elevated	93 1/2
Missouri Pacific	93 1/2
Minn. St. P. & S. St. M. pfd	55
Minn. St. P. & S. St. M.	11 1/2
Metropolitan	24 1/2
New York Central	118 1/2
Erie Railway	29 1/2
Erie Railway 1st pfd	98 1/2
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 3rd pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 4th pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 5th pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 6th pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 7th pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 8th pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 9th pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 10th pfd	22 1/2
Erie Railway 11th pfd	22 1/2
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New York, Dec. 21.—Prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2 and 6 per cent; sterling exchange steady at \$4.87 1/2 to \$4.88 1/2, for demand, and at \$4.81 1/2 to \$4.82 1/2, for sight; bills, \$4.81 1/2 to \$4.82 1/2; bar silver, 54 1/2; Mexican dollars, 42 1/2; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, steady; money on call, 5 1/2; highest 1 1/2 per cent; lowest, 3 per cent; ruling rates, 4 per cent; last loan, 3 1/2 per cent; closing bid, 3 per cent; offered at 3 1/2 per cent; time loans, 4 per cent; 60 and 90 days 5 1/2 per cent to 6 per cent; six months, 5 per cent to 5 1/2 per cent.

New York, Dec. 21.—Plat Iron, quiet; Northern, \$13.50 to \$14; Southern, \$12 to \$14; copper, quiet, \$12.37 1/2 to \$12.42 1/2; tin, \$4.37 1/2 to \$4.42 1/2; zinc, \$2.37 1/2 to \$2.42 1/2; plates, market strong; spelter, quiet; domestic, 5 1/2, nominal.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, 80 1/2, 80 1/2, 80 1/2; May, 82 1/2; July, 77 1/2 to 78 1/2; Corn, Dec., 14 1/2; Jan., 14 1/2; May, 43 1/2; July, 43 1/2. Oats, Dec., 35 1/2; May, 37 to 37 1/2; July, 35 1/2.

Boston, Dec. 21.—With the exception of Amalgamated Copper and Copper Range, the local copper market was steady today.

Happenings at Indian Village

Tragedy at Nawitlie Where a Five Year Old Boy Shot His Sister.

Hamatsu Dance Now In Progress at the Koskeeno Village.

Steamer Queen City, from Quatsino and way ports on the Vancouver Island Coast brought news of a series of happenings in the Indian villages of the island coast, of the accidental shooting of an Indian girl at Nawitlie, at the extreme north of the island, and of an Hamatsu, or medicine dance, which is going on at the Koskeeno village on Quatsino sound. The tragedy at Nawitlie was a sad affair. A young boy, five years old, took up a rifle and playfully said to his sister, "I will shoot you." He shot the girl in the throat, killing her instantly. The house where the girl lived has been abandoned and the body left wallowed up there as a grave. A sorrow dance, in which the women wail for hours and scratch their bodies until the blood streams from them—a weird affair—was held to mourn the tragedy.

The Hamatsu dance in progress at the Koskeeno village is to commemorate the initiation of a new medicine man, or Hamatsu, as the Indians name him. One Edwards has been appointed a medicine man and the tribe was getting ready for the initiation when the steamer left. The candidate was in the woods preparing. He emerged at intervals with not a stitch of clothing, his body was sitting by the creek sides, and plunging into the cold waters of the inlet, mostly at night, when he circled about in the waters. In the day he lived practically as an animal, he feels that he has secured the medicine—the necessary powers to make him a sorcerer and Hamatsu—then he will dash into the village where messengers from him will have been appointed. Then a large driftwood fire will be built and circling about this he will dance his Hamatsu dance while the gathered tribe beat skin drums, chant an even sing-song chant with a jingling rhythm, and employ the medicine with the beating of sticks on cedar planks. Then winding up with a feat of pilot bread and fish grease (in the old times a slave or two was killed, the Hamatsu dance is over and the Hamatsu is initiated as the steamer left, the Hamatsu was in the woods gathering his medicine.

Small herds of bison, bontebok, reedbuck and zebra in South Africa have survived the winter, although previously nearly extinct.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 21.—S. p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

A high barometer area at present covers the entire North Pacific coast. It is causing a general fair spell which may continue for another 24 hours. Considerable rain has fallen over the Pacific slope and several inches of snow in Cariboo. The weather is mild in Alberta, while in Manitoba the temperatures are below zero.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	45
New Westminster	42	42
Kamloops	26	32
Barkerville	20	30
Dayton	20	30
Calgary	14	34
Winnipeg	12	30
Portland, Ore.	46	50
San Francisco	59	66

FOOTNOTES.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly easterly, generally cloudy, followed by rain tonight or on Wednesday.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled with rain tonight or on Wednesday.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20.

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	45	45	45
Noon	47	47	47
5 p.m.	46	46	46

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	12	12	12
Noon	12	12	12
5 p.m.	12	12	12

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Sunshine—18 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed—30.068.

Corrected—30.024.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected—30.06.

MONDAY, DEC. 21.

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	43	43	43
Noon	45	45	45
5 p.m.	45	45	45

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	12	12	12
Noon	12	12	12
5 p.m.	12	12	12

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Sunshine—14 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed—30.214.

Corrected—30.241.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected—30.24.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The report that has been circulated in the city that J. E. Church is giving up the collecting business is untrue. If you have any accounts to collect send them in and we will use our best endeavors to collect the same.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Private Bills Notice.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the seventh day of December, 1903.

E. Harris, be presented to the House not later than the 17th day of December, 1903. Reports from Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 24th day of December, 1903.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1903. THORNTON FELL, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company of the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting by us, the undersigned, Charles Robert Johnston and E. Harris, for the transfer of the License granted to us for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Horse-shoe Saloon, 85 Government street, in the City of Victoria, to the undersigned, Walter Arthur Millington and Frederick Leslie Wolfenden of the same city.

CHARLES ROBERT JOHNSTON. EDWARD HARRIS.

WALTER ARTHUR MILLINGTON. FREDERICK LESLIE WOLFENDEN.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1903.

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